

Resolution: 15-994
Introduced: April 5, 2005
Adopted: May 19, 2005

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Setting transportation fees, charges, and fares

Background

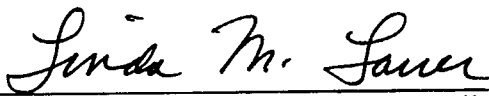
1. With the enactment of Bill 16-04, as of July 22, 2004 all fees, charges, and fares for any transportation or transportation-related service or product provided by the Department of Public Works and Transportation must be set by Council resolution adopted after a public hearing and approved by the Executive, unless any law expressly requires a different process. If the Executive disapproves a resolution within 10 days after it is adopted and the Council readopts it by a vote of six Councilmembers, or if the Executive does not act within 10 days after the Council adopts it, the resolution takes effect. Any fee, charge, or fare in effect on July 22, 2004 will remain in effect until amended by Council resolution as provided in Section 2-57 of the County Code as amended by Bill 16-04.
2. The fees, charges, and fares in effect on July 22, 2004 remained in effect until it was amended by Council Resolution 15-789 on October 12, 2004.
3. To encourage parking practice that will improve pedestrian and driver safety, the Council wishes to raise to \$50 per violation for most parking fines related to safety. The Council also wishes to clarify and correct some of the fines and transit fares as described in Resolution 15-789.
4. Most of the parking fees in the Silver Spring Parking Lot District have not been raised for many years. The fees at parking meters cannot be raised until the mechanical meters are changed out. The Executive has recommended funding to replace the mechanical meters with electronic meters during Fiscal Year 2006. Therefore, effective April 1, 2006, the Council wishes to raise the Silver Spring Parking Lot District parking fees to help fund the District's program and to allow the District to more rapidly pay back its loan from the General Fund.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County approves the following resolution:

Transportation fares, fees, and charges in Resolution 15-789 are amended as described in Table 1, attached.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

TABLE 1: TRANSPORTATION FARES, FEES, AND CHARGES**I. Transit Fares**

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| Regular fare or token | \$1.25 |
| Bethesda 8 (<u>Route 92</u>) and VanGo (<u>Route 28</u>) shuttles | Free |
| <u>Twinbrook (Route 93) and Rock Spring (Route 96) shuttles</u> | <u>\$0.25</u> |
| <u>Designated routes in Free-Wheeling Days promotion</u> | <u>Free</u> |
| Senior/Disabled with identification card | |
| attendant accompanying customer | \$0.60 |
| with Attendant-Eligible card | \$0.60 |
| MetroAccess Certified Customer with ID | Free |
| MetroAccess – companion | Free |
| Children under age 5 | Free |
| Local bus transfer | Free |
| Metrorail-to-Ride On bus transfer | \$0.35 |
| Senior/Disabled transfer | Free |
| Regional One Day bus pass | \$3.00 |
| Ride-About (2 Week) pass | \$10.00 |
| Ride On 20-trip ticket | \$18.00 |
| Youth Cruiser pass | \$10.00 |
| Summer Youth Cruiser pass | \$15.00 |
| Regional one-day bus pass | \$3.00 |
| ‘C’ Pass (for current County employees) | Free |
| ‘U’ Pass (<u>from Montgomery College</u> for fee-paying [Montgomery College] students) | \$550,000 [from Montgomery College] |

II. Parking Fees (Note: No payment is required at all public parking spaces on County holidays)**A. Bethesda Parking Lot District**

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| 1. Meters on-street, in lots, and in garages | |
| Short-Term (First 3 hours) | \$0.75 Per Hour |
| Long-Term (More than 3 hours) | \$0.50 Per Hour |
| 2. [Cashier garage facilities (JGarage[s 11 and] 49[)] | |
| Short-Term (First 3 hours) | \$0.75 Per Hour |
| Long-Term (More than 3 hours) | \$0.50 Per Hour |
| Daily Maximum | \$8.25 Per Day |
| Lost Ticket | \$8.25 Per Day |
| 3. Special Permits | |
| a. Parking permits | |
| Parking Convenience Sticker | \$95.00 Per Month |
| Daily Parking Permit | \$8.25 Per Day |
| “AM/PM” Parking Permit | \$20.00 Per Month |
| b. Carpool Permits | |
| 2 Persons | \$70.00 Per Month |
| 3 and 4 Persons | \$40.00 Per Month |
| 5 or More Persons | \$10.00 Per Month |

B. Silver Spring Parking Lot District (* Changes to go into effect on April 1, 2006)

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| 1. Meters on-street, in lots, and in garages | |
| Short-Term (First 3 hours) | \$[0.50] <u>0.60</u> Per Hour* |
| Long-Term (More than 3 hours) | \$[0.40] <u>0.45</u> Per Hour* |
| [Long-Term in Garage 4 and Lot 3 | \$0.25 Per Hour] |
| 2. Cashier garage facilities (Garage 7) | |
| Short-Term (First 3 hours) | \$[0.50] <u>0.60</u> Per Hour* |
| Long-Term (More than 3 hours) | \$[0.40] <u>0.45</u> Per Hour* |
| Daily Maximum | \$[6.30] <u>7.00</u> Per Day* |
| Lost Ticket | \$[6.30] <u>7.00</u> Per Day* |
| 3. Special Permits | |
| a. Parking permits | |
| Parking Convenience Sticker | \$[75.00] <u>85.00</u> Per Month* |
| Daily Parking Permit | \$[4.50] <u>5.00</u> Per Day* |
| "AM/PM" Parking Permit | \$20.00 Per Month |
| b. Carpool Permits | |
| 2 Persons | \$[60.00] <u>65.00</u> Per Month* |
| 3 and 4 Persons | \$[30.00] <u>35.00</u> Per Month* |
| 5 or More Persons | [Free] <u>\$5.00</u> Per Month* |

C. Wheaton Parking Lot District

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| 1. Meters on-street, in lots, and in garages | |
| Short-Term (First 3 hours) | \$0.35 Per Hour |
| Long-Term (More than 3 hours) | \$0.35 Per Hour |
| 2. Special Permits | |
| Parking Convenience Sticker | \$65.00 Per Month |

D. Montgomery Hills Parking Lot District

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Meters on-street and in lots | |
| Short-Term (First 3 hours) | \$0.15 Per Hour |
| Long-Term (More than 3 hours) | \$0.15 Per Hour |
| 2. Special Permits | |
| Parking Convenience Sticker | \$30.00 Per Month |

E. North Bethesda Transportation Management District

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Meters on-street and in lots | |
| Short-Term (First 3 hours) | \$0.50 Per Hour |
| Long-Term (More than 3 hours) | \$0.40 Per Hour |
| 2. Special Permits | |
| Parking Convenience Sticker | \$75.00 Per Month |

III. Parking Fines and Other Charges (with County Code Section Citations)**A. Motor vehicles, traffic control and highways, generally**

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|-------------------|--|----------------------|
| <u>31-6(b)(2)</u> | Snow emergency – Parked in Right-of-Way | \$75.00 |
| <u>31-7</u> | Unregistered vehicle/parking prohibited | [45.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| <u>31-8</u> | Impeding traffic, threaten public safety | [45.00] <u>50.00</u> |

B. Parking regulations generally – on-street

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|-----------------|--|------------------------|
| <u>31-11(b)</u> | Emergency/Temporary no parking sign | \$[45.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| <u>31-12</u> | Violation of official sign <u>(except residential permit parking)</u> | [40.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| <u>31-12</u> | <u>Residential permit parking violation</u> | 40.00 |
| <u>31-13</u> | Parking of vehicle – snow accumulation | 50.00 |
| <u>31-14</u> | Commercial vehicles/bus abutting residences or schools | [40.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| <u>31-16</u> | Over 24 hours | [35.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| <u>31-17</u> | Within 35 feet of intersection | [40.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| <u>31-18</u> | Posted time limit | [40.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| <u>31-19</u> | Obstructing driveways (within 5 feet) | [40.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| <u>31-20</u> | No person will: | |
| | (a) Stop, stand or park a vehicle whether occupied or not: | |
| | (1) Impeding traffic | \$[45.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (2) On a sidewalk | [45.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (3) Within an intersection | [45.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (4) On a crosswalk | [45.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (5) Alongside street repair | [40.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (6) On bridge/ in tunnel | [45.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (7) On any highway ramp | [45.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (8) Official school board/Montgomery College sign | [35.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (9) Rush hour restriction | [45.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (10) Behind Official sign in Right-of-Way | [40.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (b) Stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger: | |
| | (1) within 15 feet of fire hydrant | \$[45.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (2) within 20 feet of painted crosswalk | [35.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (3) within 30 feet of traffic control signal/device | [35.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (4) at a firehouse entrance clearance | [45.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (5) at a No Standing sign | [45.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (6) double parking | [45.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (7) at a posted/marked fire lane | 250.00 |
| | (8) in front of theaters, posted | [45.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (9) more than 12 inches from curb | [35.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (10) opposite the flow of traffic | [35.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (11) blocking another vehicle | [40.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (12) not within designated parking space | [35.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (13) at a posted bus stop | [45.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (14) at a posted taxi stand | [45.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (15) in a handicapped parking space | 250.00 |

(c) Park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passenger:

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| (1) | within 50 feet of a railroad crossing | \$[40.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| (2) | at an official No Parking sign | [40.00] <u>50.00</u> |

C. Off-street public parking regulations

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| <u>31-26</u> | (a) No person shall park a vehicle on a public parking facility: | |
| | (1) in violation of an official sign | \$[40.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (2) in a No Parking zone | [40.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (3) not within a designated parking space | [35.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (4) in or on driving aisle/driveway/signwalks | [45.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (5) at a bagged meter/temporary sign/barricade | [40.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (6) blocking another vehicle | [40.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (7) over 24 hours where not authorized | [35.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (8) vehicle unregistered/inoperative | [40.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (9) in violation, front-in-only, posted | [35.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (10) straddling marked parking spaces | [35.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (11) unattended/running | [45.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| | (12) impeding traffic | [45.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| <u>31-27</u> | (b) Prohibited vehicle/weight/size/type | [40.00] <u>50.00</u> |
| <u>31-30(c)</u> | (c) Snow/ice emergency | [45.00] <u>50.00</u> |

D. Parking meters generally

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| <u>31-35</u> | Expired parking meter | \$35.00 |
| <u>31-36</u> | Overtime parking at parking meter | 40.00 |
| <u>31-37</u> | More than 3 feet from parking meter | 35.00 |
| <u>31-38</u> | More than 1 vehicle in parking space except motorcycles | 35.00 |

E. Administration, enforcement, penalties, and collection

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| <u>31-57(a)</u> | First late penalty for failure to fully pay fine or appeal citation within 15 days | \$25.00 |
| <u>31-59</u> | Second late penalty for failure to fully pay the original fine and penalties within 45 days of the original issuance of the citation | \$25.00 |

F. Residential Parking Permits

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| <u>31-48(h)</u> | Biennial fee | \$30.00 |
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